

REMARKS

This amendment is in supplemental response to the Office Action mailed March 20, 2003. In the March 20, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner notes that claims 1-55 are pending, of which claims 1-55 stand rejected. By applicant's Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111, applicant amended claims 1-7, 22, 31-32, 39-43, 48 and 50, cancelled claims 36-38, 49 and 51-55 and claims 8-21, 23-30, 33-35 and 44-47 remained unamended. By this supplemental Response Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111, applicant has amended claims 4 and 39. Claim 4 has been amended to correct the inadvertent omission of a period (".") at the end of claim 4, and claim 39 has been amended to reinsert inadvertently deleted language in claim 39. The remaining claims continue unamended.

In view of both the amendments presented above and the following discussion, the applicant submits that none of the claims now pending in the application are non-enabling, anticipated, or obvious under the respective provisions of 35 U.S.C. §112, §102, and §103. Thus, the applicant believes that all of these claims are now in allowable form.

It is to be understood that the applicant, by amending the claims, does not acquiesce to the Examiner's characterizations of the art of record or to applicant's subject matter recited in the pending claims. Further, applicant is not acquiescing to the Examiner's statements as to the applicability of the prior art of record to the pending claims by filing the instant responsive amendments.

CONCLUSION

Thus, the applicant submits that pending claims 1-35, 39-48 and 50 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Eamon J. Wall at (732) 530-9404 so that

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appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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